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## Sun Spots

### Young Writers' Project completed

On September 17, the Palm Beach County Library System announced the completion of its Young Writers' Project. Poems, stories, and newspaper articles produced this Summer by children in our Young Writers' Workshops are compiled and displayed on the Library System's Website at <http://www.seflin.org/jphels/young.html>.

The work of children from all over the county is represented. The stories and artwork are exceptional and can be enjoyed by mothers and fathers, grandparents, and the general public. For more information, call 233-2600.

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### Doo Wop City

Endless Summer Promotions presents Doo Wop City, a rock and roll revival festival that will be held September 13, 2:00 p.m., at The Prince Theatre in Pahokee.

Doo Wop City will be featuring Pittsburgh's finest recording stars such as The Marceels, The Legends of South Florida, Randy and the Rainbows, and Suzanne Leigh Lindrose. There will be two hour shows: matinee at 3:00 p.m. and

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## Commissioners lower tax assessment

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Who says you can't fight city hall and win?

Belle Glade citizens found out Monday night that if they complain long enough and loud enough, they can lower a \$54 tax assessment by \$10.80, leaving them with a \$43.20 assessment on their November bill.

Commissioners listened and responded to two hours of citizen's concerns on a new assessment the city plans to impose on every property owner in the city. The assessment, to be used for stormwater drainage maintenance and some capital improvements, will be tacked on to every homeowner and business in the city that has an impact on the city's stormwater system.

Federal mandates through the Environmental Protection Agency have forced the city to clean up the water leaving the city's stormwater system. Just as farmers are now paying to clean up the water leaving their farms, the city has been mandated to improve the quality of water leaving their system.

To do so, the city must come up with more money to clean up swales and replace crushed drainage pipes in the city. They must also lower some drainage pipes which, because of soil subsidence, are now higher than the water draining off driveway and road ways.

Several citizens told commissioners they are on a fixed income and could not afford to pay an addition \$54 a year in taxes. Shirley Barnes, a single mother with seven children, told commissioners she could not pay. "I work every day, but I've got seven kids and I'm a single parent. I can't afford it," she said.

Carl Dean Jr. of Wedgworth Road told commissioners the homes on Wedgworth, Stillwell and Whitaker Roads do not impact the city's water system. He said the water is pumped off by Wedgworth Farms and the water goes east of the city. Several residents suggested

the city spread out the burden of the assessment by putting a small charge on the monthly water and sewer bills.

"It makes a lot more sense to charge a little bit to everyone through their water bill," said Donald Hamilton. "You're playing with homeowners pocket-books."

Mr. Hamilton, who said he is a renter, not a homeowner, said he would be willing to help foot the bill. "We're all equal. We all live in Belle Glade...and we should all pay the price," he added.

City Attorney Charles Schoech said a state law forbids the city from placing any assessment on the water bills.

Over 5,000 city homes and businesses are affected by the new assessment. Landlords will also pay and many will have to pass the cost on to their tenants.

J.P. Collins, who owns several rental units in the city told commissioners he couldn't afford the assessment and he couldn't in good conscience pass the cost on to his renters.

He said he has two elderly renters living on a fixed income who would not be able to pay higher rent. "I just can't do that to them and I can't afford to pay it myself," he said.

When it came down to voting for the assessment, Vice Mayor Bill Mathis said after listening to the resident's concerns he could not vote for a \$54 assessment. "I've heard lots of concerns tonight that raise the hair on the back of my neck," said Mr. Mathis. "I understand the mandates and some of the scary things we are facing, but I have a real problem with this. I think the time frame is way out of wack."

The commission voted to drop the assessment to \$10.80. Homeowners who can prove their property does not impact the city's system will be spared the assessment.

The city will look at the cost of meeting the federal mandates again at a later time to determine what the assessment will need to be in the future.



SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting

## Brrrrr....snow in Pahokee on Saturday!

REDLANDS CHRISTIAN MIGRANT ASSOCIATION held their monthly Family Fun Day last Saturday and invited all the children in the Glades to participate. The center, located on SR 98 in Pahokee, provided "snow" for the children and adults to enjoy. The children enjoyed throwing snowballs, making snowmen and playing "King of the Mountain."

## Ron Snyder final candidate to file for Belle Glade City Commission seat

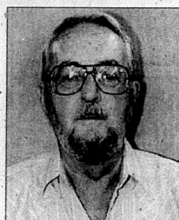
By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Retired public works administrator Ron Snyder entered the race for a seat on the Belle Glade City Commission last week.

Mr. Snyder, 71, of 550 S.E. 7th Drive, says with all that is currently happening at city hall, he feels compelled to run. As a former Belle Glade Police Sgt. and with 30 years service as the city's public works administrator, Snyder says, "I feel this is a time when someone with 30 years of municipal experience and a long-time resident who has no axes to grind, I should offer my services to assist the city and the employees in gaining confidence in its employees and municipality."

Mr. Snyder retired from the city in 1990 and this is his first time running for public office. He said he would like to be a party to selecting a qualified city manager.

He and his wife, Billie, just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have two grown



Ron Snyder

sons, Thomas E., who lives in North Carolina and Dennis R., who resides in Belle Glade. While on the police force from 1960 to 1966, Mr. Snyder received a diploma from the Institute of Applied Science in Chicago, IL, for Scientific Crime Investigations. In his spare time, he restores antique furniture.

He was very active in the Belle Glade Beautification Committee for many years and is a former member of the Belle Glade Lions

Club and the Elks Lodge. He served one year as president of the Belle Glade Lions Club.

"I want to be a part of helping to restore confidence to very qualified, very competent city employees," he said. "We are very lucky to have them."

Mr. Snyder is running for Seat A, which was vacated by Daniel S. Byrthwood, who for health reasons is not seeking another term. He faces opposition from former city commissioner Harma Miller.

Incumbent Daniel Herring has also drawn a challenger for Seat B. Mary Ross Wilkerson, a social service coordinator for Palm Beach County schools, is seeking Herring's seat.

Commissioners serve two-year terms and make \$6,500 annually. From their ranks they choose the mayor, who makes \$8,100 and the vice mayor, who makes \$7,400.

The election will take place on Sept. 15 and the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Belle Glade Fire Department.

## Local worker, Lopez, killed

By Jennie M. Sears  
Staff Reporter

Sheriff's detectives are asking for your help regarding the murder of a local convenience store worker, Fernando Ruben Lopez. Sheriff's are looking for a two-tone Ford pickup truck, regular cab, with a pipe-type rear bumper.

On Tuesday, August 11, after closing up the convenience store located on 441 in Pahokee, Fernando Ruben Lopez, 27, began walking home which was just a few blocks from the Town Star. According to the surveillance cameras in the store, Lopez closed at approximately 11:35 p.m. and at approximately 11:45 p.m. Lopez was found dead by Sergeant Fucé of the Pahokee Police Department. In a matter of ten minutes Lopez was shot and

killed. According to Sgt. David Carhart, of the Sheriff's Department, they don't know why Lopez was shot.

Lopez spent his teen years in Miami and later moved to his home land, Nicaragua, where he studied journalism. Shortly after losing his job, due to closure of the company for which he worked, Lopez moved to his cousin's home in Canal Point.

St. Mary's Catholic Church became a part of Lopez's life. He worked with the choir, gave children guitar lessons, Central American folklore classes and was also involved in a Bible study group.

Luis Garcia, manager at the Town Star where Lopez was employed, has offered a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information leading to an arrest and conviction. You



Fernando Ruben Lopez

may also call CRIMESTOPPERS and be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward if your information leads to an arrest and conviction.

If you have any information regarding this incident or the vehicle, please contact Det. David Carhart or Det. David Bradford at (561) 996-1670.



SUNPHOTO by Jennie M. Sears

Back-to-school... (L. to R.) Melissa Willis, Keashia Griffin, Carey Hutchinson and Tracy Parke were on their way to class on their first day of school at Glades Central.

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# Unfinished business with Andrew

By Mike Lyons

I always begin my hurricane talks with a picture of Hurricane Andrew. It is a dramatic photograph of one of the most powerful storms ever to strike the United States.

The picture, snapped by an orbiting satellite 24 hours before Andrew slammed into southern Miami-Dade County, shows the huge storm just east of the Bahamas.

At the top of the photo is a description of Andrew's wind speed. It is listed as 155 mph, making Andrew a category five storm on the Saffir-Simpson scale.

A category five hurricane is the strongest of all storms and one of the rarest. Only two category five hurricanes have ever struck the United States. Andrew was not one of them.

Shortly after the photograph was taken, Andrew weakened slightly and came ashore as a very strong category four hurricane. Officially, Andrew is listed as the third strongest storm to strike the U.S.

Yet, that classification may have to be changed. New research shows that tropical storms and hurricanes probably were significantly stronger



MIKE LYONS

than meteorologists had thought.

"We think we were probably underestimating the strength of surface winds," said Jerry Jerrell, the Director of the National Hurricane Center. "Andrew was probably a category five hurricane."

Residents of southern Miami-Dade County who saw their homes destroyed will hardly argue with Jerrell but Peter Sparks, a civil engineering professor at Clemson University's Wind Load Test Facility, disagrees with the new research. "I think the Hurricane Center has been grossly overestimating wind speeds," said Sparks.

The issue centers on the wind speed of a tropical system at ground level. Normally, me-

teorologists cannot accurately measure surface readings because a hurricane is so powerful it destroys anemometers on the ground. And it is too dangerous for research airplanes to fly low enough to get those readings.

So meteorologists fly into the center of tropical cyclones at 10,000 feet to measure the winds. Then, based on past research, they estimate the surface winds at 20 to 25 percent slower than higher in the air.

But last year, researchers dropped 14 new sounding devices into two storms. The wind sondes, as they are called, were able to measure winds at the surface. The results were surprising.

"The readings at the surface were the same as the readings at 10,000 feet," said Jerrell. "This leads us to believe that we've been underestimating the wind speeds of hurricanes."

While more research is needed, Jerrell says he's got enough information now to consider shifting forecasting formulas for this hurricane season. That means more people may be asked to evacuate if a hurricane is coming.

It also may mean a reevaluation of past storms. Jerrell may take another look at hurricanes we all know on a first name basis, including Hurricane Andrew.

It appears there may still be some unfinished business with Hurricane Andrew.

Mike Lyons is the chief weatherman at WPBF-TV.

## Emergency loans available for Farm Service agency

Farm Service Agency State Executive Director Kevin L. Kelley has announced that the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now offering federal disaster assistance to eligible family farmers in the state. All 67 Florida counties are designated as a major disaster area by the Secretary of Agriculture based on losses caused by record high temperatures and drought conditions which occurred from May 1 through June 24, 1998, and continuing.

Eligible farmers in the Glades should go to the Farm Service Agency in Belle Glade at 2976 State Road 15 (US 441). Emergency loan applications will be received through March 9, 1999.

## Get ready to shop for charity

The eighth annual Gigantic Garage Sale, presented by the United Way of Palm Beach County will be this Saturday, August 22 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the South Florida Fairgrounds.

Eighty nonprofit organizations will gather under one air-conditioned roof to sell "laid treasures" and collect 100 percent of the profits they make.

The fairgrounds is off Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach. Enter gate 12.



**WELCOME BACK!**...Belle Glade and South Bay teachers were treated to breakfast and good bags at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Tuesday, Aug. 18. Leadership Glades, the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and Palm Beach Community College, Glades Campus joined forces to sponsor the breakfast to welcome the teachers back. Shown is Glade View teacher Susan Robertson accepting a goodie bag from Leadership Glades member Hattie Bennett.



**SNOW BLOWER...**Workers from Royal Palm-ice blow chipped ice on the grass behind Redlands Christian Migrant Center on old Pahoehoe road last Saturday. As part of a monthly "Fun Day", children from the community were treated to a morning of playing in the snow created by the blown ice chips.

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## Save Our Rivers

By Twila Valentine

In the 14th part of this series, we continue looking at the individual projects contained in this planning document, concentrating on the various projects associated with the Kissimmee River Restoration Project. These projects are included the South Florida Water Management District's 1998 Land Acquisition and Management Plan.

It includes all the individual projects planned and which cover the district's 16-county area.

- **Lake Walk-In-Water**

This project covers over 4,100 acres along the northeast shore of Lake Weohyakanka (Walk-In-Water) and State Road 60 in Polk County. The retirement communities of Nalcrest and Fedhaven border the property to the west and the community of Indian Lake Estates lies to the south.

This project has extensive frontage on SR 60 and Lake Walk-In-Water. There is a large expanse of dry prairie, interspersed with small, isolated depression marshes, as well as a very large basin marsh along the highway. The property is in very good condition. Most of the disturbance is due to a logging operation that took place in the 1920s.

Polk County will assist with the acquisition and the management, as well.

Walk-In-Water Creek flows toward Lake Rosalie. The entire site is very diverse; it contains floodplain forest along the banks of the creek; hydric hammock along the lake shoreline; scrub; and a diverse mixture of dry prairie, mesic and wet flatwoods, and basin marshes.

The tract is relatively undisturbed and has been well main-

tained by the current owners. The site does not need extensive restoration.

The major management needs will center on prescribed burning. A large portion of the tract is dry prairie, which require more frequent burning than other community types.

This project has great recreation potential. Its long frontage on SR 60 would provide several public access

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points.

- **Water access to the lake is possible.** The site contains enough uplands that equestrian trails can likely be developed. The variety of community types would make for interesting hiking trails and wilderness camping. A public hunting program could be developed with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

- **Parker-Poinciana**

This project covers 1,970 acres in Osceola and Polk counties. It lies between the Disney Wilderness Preserve and district-owned lands already acquired as part of the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes SR project along the north shore of Lake Hatchineha. It contains a variety of community types, including mesic flatwoods, a large cypress/bay head, logged-over flatwoods, and hydric hammock along the Lake Hatchineha shoreline. The site is present being used for cattle grazing but has been permitted for residential development.

The site drains south into Lake Hatchineha through Londo Creek. The site contains numerous small cypress domes, as well as one large dome of several hundred acres.

Shallow ditches and swales have been excavated to drain the wetlands and increase the amount of grazable pasture. Several of these ditches extend to the edge of Disney Wilderness and impact that site. Acquisition would enable those drainages to be blocked.

This property contains a variety of upland and wetland communities, and is directly connected with other protected lands.

Many of the wetlands could be restored with earthen ditch plugs, which would also stop the overdrainage of Disney Wilderness Preserve. Exotic vegetation does not appear to be a problem. There are several hunting cabins and campsites, but no permanent residences. The site has been regularly burned, but probably to promote growth of non-native grasses.

The diversity of community types and proximity to other large, undisturbed tracts of land creates excellent habitat for a wide variety of game and non-game wildlife species. Deer, turkey, Sandhill cranes, Sherman's fox squirrel, scrub jays, gopher tortoises, and many species of wading birds have been observed.

It has been proposed that the Nature Conservancy manage the site along with Disney Wilderness Preserve. Hydrologic restoration and re-establishment of longleaf pine/wiregrass community would be the major management goals.

As access road runs north-south through the site with numerous arterial roads roads. There is excellent public use potential and is very accessible. Hiking, wilderness camping, and horseback riding are possible.



# Low-fat doesn't have to mean low-taste

Low fat dining is popular. It's good for you. But let's face it. It can be boring.

To many people the term "low fat" means "low taste." One way to liven up low fat meals is with the creative use of spices. For a change of pace, try Indian cooking.

"Life and Luscious Cuisine of India," by Madhu Gadia offers a wide variety of recipes for traditional Indian fare. A native of India who learned traditional cooking methods from her mother, Ms. Gadia is also a registered dietitian and a certified diabetes educator. She received a Master of Science in Food and Nutrition from the University of Illinois.

Her book offers recipes that have been adapted to cut the fat and maximize the flavor content. As a working mother, she also found time-saving



By Katrina Elksen,  
Contributing Editor

shortcuts.

Ms. Gadia writes that traditional Indian meals use lots of vegetables and grains. She notes that approximately one-third of the population of India are vegetarians, so vegetarian meals are common there. Even those whose religion allows the consumption of meat do not eat

meat every day.

She offers the following tips for reducing fat and cholesterol intake:

- Use more fruits and vegetables.
- Use more foods like whole grains, dried beans, peas and lentils.
- Choose some meatless meals each week by using beans or lentils for a complete meal.
- Use less oil in sauteing or roasting spices.
- Avoid deep-fat fried food or limit how often you eat them.
- Use condiments and spices to add flavor to recipes.
- Choose skim milk or 1 percent milk and milk products.
- Choose nonfat yogurt and buttermilk.
- Avoid whole milk, cream, sour cream and half-and-half. Substitute evaporated milk or

nonfat yogurt where possible.

- Remove the skin from chicken before cooking.
- Choose only lean meats and trim all visible fat before cooking.

Ms. Gadia offers the following recipe for Murgh biriyani, a popular chicken and rice casserole. She suggests it be served in salad and coriander chutney.

- Ingredients:**
- 1 1/2 cups basmati rice (this is an extra long grain rice with a naturally mild aroma)
  - 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken
  - 2 Tbsp vegetable oil
  - 1/2 tsp cumin seeds
  - 4 cardamom pods
  - 4 cloves
  - 1-inch stick cinnamon
  - 2 bay leaves
  - 1 medium onion, finely sliced
  - 2 garlic cloves, crushed
  - 1 tsp ginger, finely chopped

1 cup plain nonfat yogurt

2 tsp salt

3 1/2 cups water

1. Clean rice, removing any unhusked rice or other extraneous material. Wash in 2-3 changes of water until washing water is relatively clear. Soak in cold water for 1/2 hour or longer. Drain the rice in a strainer.

2. Cut chicken into bite-size pieces. Wash and drain thoroughly. Dry with paper towel. Set aside.

3. Heat oil in a heavy skillet over medium heat. Add cumin seeds, cardamom pods, black peppercorns, cloves, cinnamon stick and bay leaves. Fry for a few seconds until cumin seeds are golden brown. Add sliced onion, garlic and ginger. Fry until onions are soft and transparent.

4. Add chicken pieces and fry

for 3-4 minutes or until chicken turns white and firm, stirring frequently. Add turmeric and stir to mix.

5. Whisk yogurt with a fork. Add to chicken gradually 1-2 tablespoons at a time, stirring constantly. Cook on high heat until most of the liquid is evaporated and yogurt masala clings to the chicken. Add salt and water; bring to a boil, cover with a lid and reduce heat and simmer for 5 to 7 minutes.

6. Add rice, bring to a boil, reduce heat and cover with a lid. Simmer for 15-17 minutes until rice is done.

7. Let stand covered until ready to serve.

The recipe makes eight cups. Each cup has 241 calories and 5 grams of fat.

"Life and Luscious Cuisine of India," is published by Piquant Publishing of Ames, Iowa.

# Exercise improves the way your body works

Research has shown that people who have a sedentary lifestyle are nearly twice as likely to die from coronary heart disease as people who are active. Regular physical activity can also help prevent and manage hypertension, diabetes, osteoporosis and mental health problems such as depression and anxiety, as well as lowering the risk of certain types of cancer and stroke.

"Everyone probably knows that exercise is good for them," said Melvin Fletcher, MD, vice-president of care and network management for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida's South Geographic Business Unit. "But we want to help people understand what exercise does to improve the way their body functions - in other words, why it's good for you."

Here are five ways that exercise improves the way the body functions:

1. Exercise improves the body's ability to burn fat.

When a person exercises, he or she increases muscle mass and reduces fat content. Aside from making a person look better, increasing muscle mass improves the body's ability to burn fat.

2. Exercise works better than dieting. People who diet may lose weight, but they do so by burning lean muscle tissue as well as fat. While building muscle tissue through exercise helps improve a person's metabolic rate, dieting alone reduces a person's ability to burn calories. As a result, the person must eat less to maintain body weight. If that person were exercising, he or she would not have to cut back as much on food consumption.

3. Exercise slows the muscle loss that comes with aging. As a person ages, he or she naturally loses muscle mass and the body's metabolism slows down. Studies show that without exercise, a person loses about a half a pound of muscle a year after age 30 and that those who continue to exercise have more muscle mass than those who do not.

4. Exercise improves a person's mental state. Exercise helps control depression because it improves the production of "endorphins." These hormones can help a person control stress, be more self-confident and increase produc-

tivity.

5. Exercise improves the condition of a person's bones. Growing children need to exercise to improve the mass and density of their bones, especially in their adolescent years, when their bones are growing most quickly. Exercise also helps slow bone loss in aging adults and post-menopausal women.

"Every time a person works out, it is important to first spend five to 10 minutes warming up with activities like walking around, jogging slowly and doing knee lifts, arm circles and trunk rotations," said Dr. Fletcher. "This will help

increase the heart rate and blood flow to the muscles and prepare the body for the workout."

Also, a person should make sure to cool down for five to 10 minutes after exercise. Even if it's just walking around, a cool down can help avoid problems that can occur when exercise stops abruptly. There are some

precautions to be taken when beginning an exercise program. When a person first begins, it's common to feel some mild muscle discomfort and shortness of breath. But a doctor should be seen if there is pain in the joints or back, discomfort in the chest, arm, neck or jaw or if a person feels faint.

## Nutrition news: 5 ways to separate truth from hype

New discoveries are made all the time in the field of nutrition, and the media pick up on these quickly. But sometimes we're bombarded with so much nutrition news it's hard to know what to believe.

"One week comes the announcement that this food is 'bad' for you," said Dottie Gabor, a representative of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). "The next week someone links diseases to certain food substances. Often, months' later, this news is discredited as premature or just overblown."

"It's hard to know whether nutrition news is believable. But there are a few guidelines to help us distinguish between legitimate news and hype," says Dottie.

1. Remember that some developments, when first reported, are nothing but theories. Be skeptical if conclusions are drawn from a single study with a small sample of test subjects.
2. Be skeptical, too, if research is sponsored by a group that stands to profit from the conclusions of a study.
3. Consider the medium. Popular magazines that favor lurid headlines and attention-

grabbing hype on other topics probably don't scrutinize their nutrition coverage very carefully.

4. Don't just skim the headlines; read the whole story. The "danger" being reported might not even apply to your situation.

5. Weigh the relative importance of this food in your diet. You probably have less concern about a food you eat once a month than something that appears on your table daily.



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An upswing in human shark attacks in 1997 probably signals a return to normal after a welcome slump from the previous year's all-time high, a new University of Florida study finds.

"Historically, shark attacks have been going up almost every year, but there are ups and downs from year to year depending on the availability of sharks and the amount of time that people spend in the water in a given area," said George Burgess, director of the International Shark Attack File, which is housed at the University of Florida. "Why are there lots more attacks one year than another? It's not easy to say why," says Burgess.

Between 1996 and 1997, the number of unprovoked shark attacks worldwide soared from 36 to 56, still considerably less than the all-time high of 72 set in 1995. In Florida, the global leader in human-shark skirmishes, the number of attacks nearly doubled from 13 in 1996 to 25 in 1997, Burgess said.

More than half of all attacks (34) took place in North American waters, and the United States had far more attacks

(32) than any other country, Burgess said. Australia was a distant second with five, followed by Brazil (4), the Bahamas (3), South Africa (3), Japan (2) and New Guinea (2). Single attacks were reported from Mexico, Fiji, Djibouti in northeast Africa, Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean, and Vanuatu in the South Pacific.

"The bottom line is that the United States probably has more people in the water per hour than any other place because it has a huge coastline and people have the leisure time to go to the coast," Burgess said. "Florida follows that same formula."

Everybody in the state is an hour away from the beach, and there is a large native population that is aquatically active, not to mention vast numbers of tourists who visit the water at least sometime during their stay."

Volusia County had the dubious distinction of having the most shark attacks (14), followed by Flagler (3), Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie (2 each), and Martin (1). One Florida attack lacked sufficient information to tie it to a specific county, he said.

The attacks in Volusia County occur primarily in Ponce Inlet, a popular surfing spot on Florida's east coast that draws people from the Orlando metropolitan area, Burgess said. "I would bet there are probably more people in Volusia County beaches than any other county in the state," he said.

Surfers continue to be the most often targeted recreational group, with nearly half (45 percent) of all 1997 attacks involving surfers, wind surfers and rafters, Burgess said. The second-largest group of victims were swimmers and waders (2X percent), followed by divers, including snorkelers, free divers and scuba users, (26 percent). Least commonly attacked were kayakers and surf skiers (2 percent).

The fatality rate was slightly higher in 1997 (20 percent) than the '90s average of 14 percent. Last year's 11 fatalities took place in Japan, New Guinea, South Africa, Brazil, Djibouti, Mexico, Reunion and Vanuatu.

Fatalities are much lower in the United States, where smaller species of sharks cause relatively minor injuries and

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better emergency medical care is available, he said.

"A trend in recent years has been for more and more attacks to occur in what was formerly thought to be far flung places, such as Reunion Island, Vanuatu and Djibouti, all of which are tropical places with sharks," Burgess said.

"But aquatic recreation is intruding itself into virtually every corner of the earth these days."

Unlike most natives in these tropical areas, who have learned not to enter the water in certain places, many tourists either don't know of the dangers or choose to ignore them, he said.

"We need to remember that

we are invaders of a natural system that has large animals living in it that occasionally can cause us harm," he said.

"Sharks share the waters with humans, or more rightfully put, humans share the water with sharks. It's a wilderness experience every time we enter the sea."

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# Sun Spots

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evening at 7:00 p.m.

The festival includes a lighted street festival, food vendors, a period car show with \$500 prize and other outdoor activities. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$26 at the gate. For tickets and information, call (561) 924-2003 or (888) 572-0507.

**Computer volunteer needed**

The West County Senior Citizen Center, 2916 St. Road 15, Belle Glade, is seeking a volunteer to teach the seniors computer skills.

Administrator Effie McNaair said she is hoping someone in the community will step forward to volunteer their services. To volunteer, call Mrs. McNaair at 996-4808.

**Glades area C.A.C. employee's reunion**

All Community Action Council employees, either current or former, are invited to attend a reunion planning meeting on Saturday, August 22 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the South Bay office of C.A.C.

For additional information or to RSVP, contact either Betty Caldwell, Mary Allen, Claudette Clark, Robert Walker, Pearl Mac Taylor, Charlie Bell Cook or Audrie Williams.

Covered dishes for the event will be appreciated.

**Live in concert**

The second chapter will be in concert on Saturday, September 5 at New Bethel M.B. Church, 1101 S.W. Ave. A, Belle Glade. Special guests are Rev. Connal Johnson & Prophesy and Johnny Sanders & Nu Vision. This concert is hosted by WSWN's radio personality, Harvey J.

Donation is \$12. Tickets are available at Ready Deal Records.

**Back to School Fun Day**

Greater New Hope Youth Ministry of Pahokee will sponsor a Back to School Fun Day on Saturday, August 22 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. The festivities will begin at 11 a.m. There will be games, food and other activities.

For further information, call Louise Davis at (561) 924-7271; Ronnie Osborne at (561) 924-2606 or Juanita Maybin at (561) 924-9643.

**Head Start accepting children**

Belle Glade Family and Children Services, PEPPY Head Start Program is now accepting applications for three and four year old children.

All children are welcome to attend, including children with disabilities and there are no fees. The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade.

For more information, call Tammy Kyles or Barbara Green at 996-1718.

**Poll Workers needed**

Supervisor of Elections, Theresa LePore, is looking for poll workers in the Glades to work in the upcoming fall elections.

If you are a registered voter in Palm Beach County, have your own transportation, and are physically able to work a 14-hour day, this may be for you. Poll workers are needed to work in many areas of the county.

Please call 561-355-2650 and ask for extension 0217 to have a poll worker brochure or application mailed to you.

## Wetherington graduates from UCF

Sharon Michelle Wetherington, daughter of Wayne and Teresa Wetherington, graduated from the University of Central Florida in Orlando on August 8 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education.

She is a 1994 graduate of Christian Day School and received an Associate of Arts Degree in Education from Palm Beach Community College in 1996.

Sharon was a two-year recipient of the Chappie James

"Florida's Most Promising Teacher Scholarship."

She has accepted a position teaching fifth grade at Westside Elementary School in Clewiston.

Sharon is the granddaughter of Nelson and Frances Nelms.

## Belle Glade Police Department arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 659 complaints, worked 11 crime scenes and gave 18 traffic citations the week of August 10-16.

Those arrested included: August 10 - Juvenile, 9, retail theft; George Baker, 42, failure to appear; Cassandra Simmons, 40, two counts of failure to appear.

August 11 - Juvenile, 17, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; Zayyad Jumal, 19, battery; Randall Cook, 40, four counts of petit theft, three counts of uttering forged instrument, three counts of forgery; McKelvin Kane, 30, failure to appear.

August 12 - Kevin Walker, 18, sexual battery on person under 12 years; Dorcasvinil Sagesse, 31, contempt of court; Levern Smith, 49, felony retail theft; Lamar Campbell, 28, robbery with a firearm, aggravated assault with a firearm; Bernabe Longoria, 19, contempt of court; Paul Alanis, 24, possession of cocaine, possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

August 13 - Juvenile, 10, burglary; petit theft; Juvenile, 14, burglary; petit theft; Juvenile, 12, burglary; petit theft; Juvenile, 10, petit theft; Juvenile, 13, two counts of burglary, two counts of petit theft; Juvenile, 14, burglary; petit theft.

August 14 - Sabrina Griffith, 28, battery; Juvenile,

10, retail theft; Juvenile, 17, principal first degree; Juvenile, 13, retail theft; Juvenile, 13, retail theft; Juvenile, 8, retail theft; Willie Johnson, 28, gambling with dice; Almose Tit, 21, gambling with dice; Juvenile, 16, gambling with dice.

August 15 - Willie Blackmon, 38, petit theft.

August 16 - Carlton Lewis, 37, oppose & obstruct;

Antonio Smith, 31, auto burglary; petit theft; Darrell Reed, 36, contempt of court.

Editors note: The police news in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated.

Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

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## South Bay Police Department arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made six arrests the week of August 9-15.

Those arrested included: August 9 - Anthony S. Smith, 23, possession of controlled substance, introduction of contraband into correctional facility, possession of marijuana with intent to

sell. August 10 - Parrish Roberson, 35, violation of domestic injunction.

August 10 - Narvin Green, 44, violation of parole, driving with suspended license.

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deadly weapon.

August 11 - Juvenile, failure to appear on case disposition.

August 12 - No arrests.

August 13 - No arrests.

August 14 - No arrests.

August 15 - Joe Thomas, 26, aggravated battery, domestic violence.

## Crimestoppers

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Humberto Flores, who is wanted for aggravated battery with a firearm.

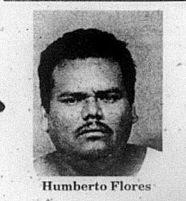
Flores is a Hispanic male, 5'8", weighing 175 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is December 23, 1962.

His Social Security Number is 456-65-3387. His last occu-

pation was as a laborer and his last known address was 917 Northeast 27th Street, Belle Glade.

His warrant was active as of August 11, 1998.

If you know the whereabouts of Flores, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.



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Those arrested included: August 10 - Rinaldo Ward, 51, domestic battery.

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To conduct Census 2000, the Census Bureau needs first to know the address and location of every housing unit in the country - be it treehouse or houseboat, penthouse or mansion - anywhere, in short, where a person lives or might live.

And to list the addresses, the agency plans to hire a national work force of 30,000 temporary, part-time workers, who will crisscross the country, venturing down dirt roads and alleyways, climbing tortuous mountain passes, and talking their way past guards at gated communities.

It is a monumental, but

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The Census Bureau will hire the "address listers" between August and December across the nation. Most of the work will be in rural and suburban areas.

The listers should be available to work at least 25-30 hours per week; shorter work schedules might also be available. Although most of the work is done during the day, evening or weekend work will be required to contact residents.

The Census Bureau will hire local residents in a five county area for this opera-

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Before the police arrived, the suspects had made a clean get-away.

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An upswing in human shark attacks in 1997 probably signals a return to normal after a welcome slump from the previous year's all-time high, a new University of Florida study finds.

"Historically, shark attacks have been going up almost every year, but there are ups and downs from year to year depending on the availability of sharks and the amount of time that people spend in the water in a given area," said George Burgess, director of the International Shark Attack File, which is housed at the University of Florida. "Why are there lots more attacks one year than another? It's not easy to say why," says Burgess.

Between 1996 and 1997, the number of unprovoked shark attacks worldwide soared from 36 to 56, still considerably less than the all-time high of 72 set in 1995. In Florida, the global leader in human-shark skirmishes, the number of attacks nearly doubled from 13 in 1996 to 25 in 1997, Burgess said.

More than half of all attacks (34) took place in North American waters, and the United States had far more attacks

(32) than any other country. Burgess said. Australia was a distant second with five, followed by Brazil (4), the Bahamas (3), South Africa (3), Japan (2) and New Guinea (2). Single attacks were reported from Mexico, Fiji, Djibouti in northeast Africa, Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean, and Vanuatu in the South Pacific.

"The bottom line is that the United States probably has more people in the water per hour than any other place because it has a huge coastline and people have the leisure time to go to the coast," Burgess said. "Florida follows that same formula."

Everybody in the state is an hour away from the beach, and there is a large native population that is aquatically active, not to mention vast numbers of tourists who visit the water at least sometime during their stay."

Volusia County had the dubious distinction of having the most shark attacks (14), followed by Flagler (3); Broward, Palm Beach, St. Lucie (2 each); and Martin (1). One Florida attack lacked sufficient information to tie it to a specific county, he said.

The attacks in Volusia County occur primarily in Ponce Inlet, a popular surfing spot on Florida's east coast that draws people from the Orlando metropolitan area, Burgess said. "I would bet there are probably more people on Volusia County beaches than any other county in the state," he said.

Surfers continue to be the most often targeted recreational group, with nearly half (45 percent) of all 1997 attacks involving surfers, wind surfers and rafters, Burgess said. The second-largest group of victims were swimmers and waders, (27 percent); followed by divers, including snorkelers, free divers and scuba users, (26 percent). Least commonly attacked were kayakers and surf skiers (2 percent).

The fatality rate was slightly higher in 1997 (20 percent) than the '90s average of 14 percent. Last year's 11 fatalities took place in Japan, New Guinea, South Africa, Brazil, Djibouti, Mexico, Reunion and Vanuatu.

Fatilities are much lower in the United States, where smaller species of sharks cause relatively minor injuries and

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## Gilbert graduates MSU

Anjeanette D. Gilbert, of Belle Glade, graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from Murray State University.

According to information released from the Admissions and Registrar's office, a total of 406 students have applied for degrees by Murray State University at the end of the 1998 summer sessions.

A total of 187 students completed requirements for bachelor's degrees, 217 for master's degrees and two for associate degrees. These

graduates represent 21 states and 10 foreign countries.

Established in 1922 by the Kentucky General Assembly, Murray State University has become known through the years as a student-centered university where the emphasis is on academic excellence. Located in west Kentucky with an enrollment of 8,800 students, Murray State is ranked in the top tier of southern colleges and universities by *U.S. News and World Report*.

## Rev. Wallace receives Attendance Award

Rev. Patricia S. Wallace, pastor of Harvest Africa Methodist Episcopal Church of Pahoek, received the "Pastor Attendance Award" from the Young People's Division of West District One Area of the South Florida Conference.

Annie Mitchell, Area WMS President and Elsie Singletary, Area YDP Director, presented the award to Rev. Wallace for her support of

attendance at the District Fellowship Celebration held Monday, August 3 through Saturday, August 8.

Rev. Benjamin McKinney, pastor of West Bethel A.M.E. Church in Clewiston was in attendance at the YDP Fellowship Feast on Saturday, August 8. The Young People's Division is grateful for his generous donation towards the event.

## Baker-Congleton wedding on Saturday

Miss Lori Kaye Baker & Mr. Jay Mitchell Congleton, will be married at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 22 at First Baptist Church, Belle Glade.

No local invitations have

been mailed. All friends and relatives of the bride and groom are cordially invited to attend. Reception in the church fellowship hall will immediately follow the ceremony.

## Belle Glade Elks Lodge helps shape national policy

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks visited the home of Disneyland to craft their own version of "Tomorrowland," a place where volunteerism and leadership build stronger communities and a stronger nation.

The Elks, whose National Convention here was the 134th in their history, are represented locally by Belle Glade Elks Lodge Number 1716, whose Exalted Ruler, or Lodge President, is Ray Towell of Belle Glade. Local representatives attended the Anaheim convention to help shape the programs and poli-

cies of the National Order, which currently boasts more than 1.2 million members nationwide.

The Elks have a long tradition of philanthropic service sponsoring youth athletic and drug education programs, aid for people with disabilities, college scholarship, cancer and transplantation research, and veterans' service programs. The Elks have also made significant commitments through America's Promise, an organization committed to providing fundamental resources to our nation's youth.

Among the highlights of

the convention were speeches by the two overall winners of the Elks National Free Throw Competition, Adam James Morgan, 13, of Cumberland, MD, and Mary Hall McArver, 13, of Gastonia, NC. They were the best of the more than three million kids, ages 8-13, who participated in this year's competition. They were followed to the podium by Ellen Johnson of Dixie, Utah, and Jonathan Taliaferro of El Dorado, Kansas, the top two winners in the Elks National Foundation's "Most Valuable Student" scholarship contest. Each will receive a four-year

scholarship worth \$30,000.

Throughout the convention, the 2,200 local Lodges were hailed for their support of the Order's national programs, as well as for their own local programs, and were encouraged to deepen their commitment to those in need.

"Our goal this year is to promote volunteerism and leadership," declared C. Valentine Bates, who was elected National President during the convention. "As volunteers and leaders we will pursue and fulfill our lofty goals while continuing our proud traditions."

## First Community Bank receives Certified and Preferred Lenders award



Pictured L to R - Joseph E. Henderson, Executive Vice President at First Community Bank; Ed A. Godoy, President, Business Loan Development Corporation; Bob F. Clairmont, Sr., Economic Development Specialist, U.S. Small Business Administration; Dale Morris, President/CEO, First Community Bank and John D. Algood, Senior Vice President, First Community Bank.

The First Community Bank of Palm Beach County was awarded a plaque last Tuesday, August 11 stating that they are Certified and Preferred Lenders for U.S. Small Business Administration.

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SBA has many programs available. They include: Loan Guaranty Program (SBA's primary loan program; CAP Lines (Short-term seasonal contracts); International Trade Loan Program (Short and long-term financing); Export Working Capital Program

(1-page application, fast turn-around; may apply for pre qualification letter); Delta (Defense loan and assistance program provides financial and technical assistance to help defense-dependent firms diversify into commercial market effort of SBA and DoD); Minority Pre-qualification Loan Program & Women's Pre-qualification Loan Program (Help to prepare application and secure loan; SBA pre-qualification letter, pilot programs, limited sites); LowDoc (One-page SBA application to obtain guaranty, quick turn-around after applicant meets lender requirements.); Fasttrak (Lender approves loan, no additional paperwork for SBA; pilot program, limited sites); 7(m) MicroLoan Program (Loans made through nonprofit lending organizations, technical assistance also provided; pilot program, limited sites.); 504 Certified Development Company Program (Long-term, fixed-asset loans through nonprofit development companies; must create or retain a job per \$25,000 of debt proceeds.).

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## Obituaries

**James T. Chance**, age 88, of Okeechobee Health Care Facility, was a 60 year resident of Pahoek and moved to Okeechobee 8 years ago. He was a member of the Gospel Tabernacle Church of West Palm Beach. Preceded in death by his son, Earl and his grandson, Earl Jr., he is survived by his wife of 69 years, Lillie, one grandson, Michael Chance of Ft. Lauderdale and two great grandchildren, Michelle Chance and Tara Chance. Other survivors include two brothers, Jerry Anderson of Okeechobee and Ray Anderson of Wildwood, N.J. and one sister, Libby Kersey of Okeechobee; several nieces and nephews, his niece Glenda Wolnik and his caretaker and niece, Mavor Smith.

Services were held Saturday, August 15 at the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel in Okeechobee. Entombment followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

All arrangements were under the direction of the Buxton Funeral Home.

**Dora Cobb Watson**, of Dublin, GA, died Thursday, August 8.

Dora was a native of Chieley, Florida. She was the daughter of the late Barron B. Cobb and the late Aida Skipper Cobb. She was a resident of Belle Glade, FL, from 1909 until moving to Dublin in 1971. Dora was a homemaker and widow of the late R.E. Watson.

Survivors include daughters - Ila Davene Bailey of Rentz, GA and Sheila W. Pope of Dublin, GA; son - Robert Gerald Watson of

Chicago, IL; sister - Maybell McNeill of Chieley, FL; grandchildren - Robert Gerald Watson, Jr., Robert Heath Watson, Marcy Bailey Grinstead, Seth Watson Bailey, Justin Watson Pope, John Dudley Pope, and Dora Kate Pope; seven great grandchildren. Pallbearers were her grandsons.

Services were held Sunday, August 16 at Graveside at Dublin Memorial Gardens. Dr. Farris Cox officiated.

**Nann B. Draa**, born September 18, 1909, died August 15, 1998 in DeBary, Florida. She was a long-time resident of Belle Glade.

She is survived by her children: Gerry Weldon-Chuluota, FL; H.V. Draa, Jr., Mobile, AL; DeWitt Draa, Clarksville, TN; Sandra Dulany, Belle Glade, FL; 9 grandchildren - Janice Hickson, Sanford, FL; Steve Weldon, Coral Springs, FL; H.V. Draa, III, Houston, TX; Charissa Wood, Houston, TX; Philip Dulany, Jr., Boca Raton, FL; Deborah Welch, West Palm Beach, FL; and DeWitt Dulany, Belle Glade, FL; 7 great-grandchildren - Kara Hickson, Sanford, FL; Josh Hickson, Sanford, FL; Christopher Weldon, Coral Springs, FL; Rankin Draa, Houston, TX; Kasey Dulany, Belle Glade, FL; Krista Dulany, Boca Raton, FL; and Brian Dulany, Boca Raton, FL.

Services were held Wednesday, August 19, at the Community United Methodist Church, Belle Glade. Burial was held at Foreverglades Cemetery.

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# Raiders Ready!

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## "Swords To Ready"

Carlton Baker just wants to "knock people out," states Coach Watson, a desire we hope is limited solely to the gridiron. This physical specimen appears to be the prototype linebacker—big at 6' and 205 pounds, strong, with one of the highest bench presses on the team, and fast, with 4.6 speed. Baker's instinctive method of play leads him to the ball carrier with frequency, demonstrating such ferocity that ball is often separated from said carrier. In plain English, he's punishing.

Joining Baker in the linebacking corp is weightroom monster Jonathan "Man of Steel" Mann. This is the season for Mann to prove his mettle as he is emerging from a season ending knee injury last year. Mann's mobility may be in question, thus he is positioned at the middle backer position, a position that will enable him to excel in the straight ahead game.

At the other outside linebackers position, the competition is open, with aggressive competition coming from both Jose Rodriguez and Santos Rodriguez, cousins, who will both likely see significant playing time, according to Milton Watson.

Run defense, I believe, is a given for the front seven. They'll attack the gaps and force everything outside for easy speed disposal. Lo the team forced to pass the ball on this defense, as this pass rush will be potent, almost as if someone had hung a prime rib from the quarterback's chest in front of a pack of wild dogs. Pavlov's bell will be ringing on every pass play, and I'm looking for a minimum of 50 sacks this year from the defensive squad.

## The Blockade

Any runners or receivers fortunate to get past the Raider defensive line of scrimmage with their senses still intact will be met by force and power. The force is Calvin Edwards, a 5'10", 175 pound hitting machine, clocking in at free safety. Edwards really excels at run support, according to Coach Watson, providing excellent support to the front seven. The power is strong safety Utwan Cooper, also a superb player in the run support box.

Safety play is that of brotherhood, knowing your co-safety's reactions and positioning, understanding how he'll react to a certain play. These men have been together in the Raider defensive backfield for

three years now, and I'm told they each know ahead of time what the other ate for breakfast. There will be excellent coordination in the Raider secondary, assuring that the deep field will be covered like paint.

## The Daggers

More speed. More size. More skill. Where does it end? It doesn't.

This years Raiders are well armed at the cornerback position, offering up a three man rotation full of athletic ability, technique, and raw speed and quickness. We'll have D'Juan Brown, at 5'10", 175 pounds, with 4.6 speed, Johnny Mullins, at 6'1" and 185 pounds, with 4.3 speed and Roosevelt Rouns, at 5'11", 180 pounds, with 4.6 speed rotating in at the two cornerback positions. All three will play in long yardage, multi receiver sets, and the coverage should be excellent.

This cover ability will allow the two safeties to play tight to the line of scrimmage, further, accenting the run defense. The flats will be screened, as will the short middle.

I can't see any offense having much success against this Raider defense in any of it's quarters. This makes a coaches job just that much easier, which may very well explain that Cheshire Cat smile.

## Through The Looking Glass

Predicting perfection at any level is a very difficult proposition, so I won't. It will not surprise me, though, to see the Raiders go undefeated this year, especially if they can get any level of dependable, quality play from their new starting quarterback. It's this facet, though, that instills me to foresee one loss this year. Given that any new signal caller, or for that matter any quarterback at all, has the potential to offer up an untimely interception or fumble, a clean slate is difficult to achieve.

With very tough games at Clewiston, at Pope John Paul, and at Pahokee, coupled with Suncoast at home, the Glades Central squad will certainly have their work cut out for them. Having lost several key starters should not pose too great a challenge, as these folks are known more for re-building rather than rebuilding. Look for the Raider defense to carry the day throughout the season, facilitating the job of the offensive side through field position and turn-overs.

We should see tons of rumbling with very little stumbling.

# Hey Walt, how's the fishing?

Typical summer weather prevailed again this week over Lake Okeechobee. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms with lots of lightning and some heavy rain showers were the menu most days, combined with temperatures in the mid-nineties.

It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out that early morning is the best time to be on the lake. There is less chance of a thunderstorm, and the temperatures are at their lowest for the day.

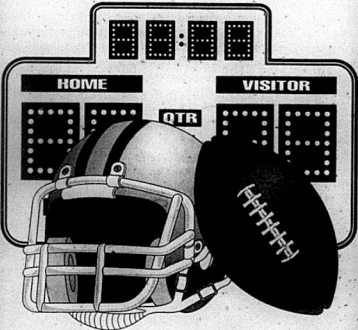
Tip water lures are the rule of thumb before the sun hits the water and a plastic worm rigged either Texas style or Carolina Rig style are better as the sun climbs into the sky. One of my favorite tip water lures is a Rainbow Trout colored FishHead Walking Stick. In the soft plastics, a reddish color seems to work best on sunny days. If you are having a good breeze, then don't hesitate to try a Battle Trap or speed crankbait that runs shallow on the outside edges of the grass.

The Bassmaster Classic ended with plenty of controversy over the weigh-in procedure that saw Denny Brauer of Missouri claim the title of World Champion. Local favorite Roland Martin finished in mid-field. The Bassmaster Classic is considered the biggest event in professional bass fishing and was held at High Rock, North Carolina this year.

Remember to use caution this time of year, due to the lightning that accompanies the thunderstorms. If you hear thunder, then the smart thing to do is head for shelter on land. South Florida is the lightning capital of the world, so don't be a lightning rod.

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09/18/98	A	Clewiston High School
09/25/98	A	Wellington High School
10/09/98	H	Fort Pierce Westwood High School
10/16/98	H	Cardinal Newman High School
10/23/98	H	Suncoast High School
10/30/98	H	Olympic Heights High School
11/06/98	A	Forest Hill High School
11/13/98	A	Pahokee High School

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## GLADES DAY SCHOOL: BELLE GLADE

Date	Site	Opponent
09/04/98	A	LaBelle High School
09/11/98	H	Benjamin School
09/25/98	H	John Carroll High School
10/02/98	A	Frostproof High School
10/09/98	H	St. Edward's School
10/16/98	A	Gulf Coast H.S.
10/23/98	A	King's Academy
10/30/98	H	Key West High School
11/06/98	A	Moore Haven High School

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## PAHOKEE HIGH SCHOOL: PAHOKEE

Date	Site	Opponent
09/04/98	H	Wellington High School
09/11/98	A	Dwyer High School
09/18/98	A	Suncoast High School
09/25/98	H	Jupiter Community High School
10/02/98	A	Atlantic High School
10/09/98	A	Royal Palm Beach High School
10/23/98	H	Pope John Paul High School
10/30/98	H	Forest Hill High School
11/06/98	A	Cardinal Newman High School
11/13/98	H	Glades Central High School

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# Belle Glade Dad winning half of P.B.C.G.A. Father - Son Tourney

By Philip Korn  
Sports Editor

Belle Glade's Willie Lee, coupled with his son Jessie, captured the Palm Beach County Father-Son Championship, held on the Legend Course at This Country Club.

The win was the sixth for the Lees, who have made this tournament their own.

This year's championship was won on the first extra, or playoff, hole, when Jessie, a Wellington resident, sunk a six foot birdie putt for the win.

The Lees fired a scramble format score of 63, or nine under par, to catch first round co-leaders Larry Rule, Sr. and Larry Rule, Jr., of Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach, respectively.

"The competition is getting tougher every year," stated Willie Lee, "I don't think we've ever come from so far behind to win. That makes this one so special, especially after we missed the last two years."

Willie, 58, a crop dust pilot, and his son, Jessie, 34, a produce broker, won this title in 1989, 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995, prior to this year.

# Dixon medals, leads Pioneer Track Club at AAU Junior Olympics



Johnnie Dixon

By Philip Korn  
Sports Editor

Coach Louis Butts' Pioneer Track Club returned from Norfolk, Virginia's AAU Junior Olympics with medal in tow. Sub-Bantam division runner, Johnnie Dixon finished his 200 meter run in 6th place, earning the clubs only medal at the meet.

Dixon was not the only Pioneer runner to perform well, though, as Aeris Arnett placed 13th nationally in the Sub-Midget 200 meter. John Destin finished in 11th place in the Midget Division 100 meter dash.

The Sub-Midget 4x400 meter relay, consisting of team members Arnett, Vinkerus Pierre, Andrew Harold, and Bernard Austin finished strongly in 9th place.

We congratulate the team and coaches for a job well done.



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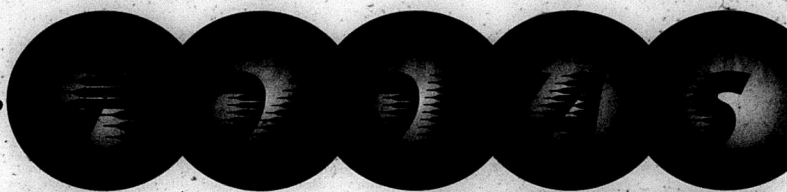
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Used Car Report Card: TOYOTA COROLLA

# Leader of the pack

The Toyota Corolla has been updated for the 1998 model year, below. The '93 to '97 versions offer a great value on the used market, offering quality and engineering beyond its years. As such, Corolla's hold their value compared to other offerings in its class, so be prepared to spend a little more. On the upside, these models (like the '96, right) are very reliable.



1996

1998

By Jeremy Cato  
Test Drive

"Don't scratch your head about this," said my wife. "The secret to the Toyota Corolla's success is simple: It is a completely painless car. G't in, turn the key and go."

And go and go and go for years and years, say owner surveys from the American Automobile Association to market research firm J.D. Power & Associates. No wonder the Corolla is the best-selling car in the history of the automotive universe.

Toyota has just introduced a spanking new version of the Corolla for 1998 and it's a very good car, indeed. But for my money, the previous generation Corolla, running from '93-'97, made a more impressive

statement about what Toyota thought was possible in basic transportation.

Plus, back in '93 Toyota sold a five-door station wagon version that was ideal for family chores. Today, there are no new wagons in Toyota's lineup. (There is the excellent Sienna minivan, though.)

The '93 wagon was powered by a 115-horsepower 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine. Smooth, quiet reliable and effective, the 1.8-liter delivered 90 per cent of its torque between 1,600-5,800 rpm. You can call the performance adequate, but uninspired - until you look at the fuel economy numbers.

The new-for-'93 Corolla was

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## BUYER'S ALERTS

Older Corollas suffered from rusting problems, but after the '93 model year that seems to have been addressed pretty well - at least as effectively as the competition. Parts can be expensive, though. Some owners have complained of rapid brake wear. Oh, and 1993 was the last year the Corolla came in four-wheel-drive station wagon form. Note the latter was not the updated '93 version, but the previous generation car.

## THE VERDICT

Somewhat pricey used car, but worth it.

OVERALL SCORE: 9.0 (out of 10)

## CURRENT PRICING

Kelley Blue Book pricing on the Toyota Corolla DX sedan:  
1997: \$14,525 1996: \$13,700  
1995: \$12,675 1994: \$11,325  
1993: \$10,960 1992: \$8,275  
1991: \$7,150

## DURABILITY/RELIABILITY

Overall: B+  
Mechanical: B+  
Hardware/Body/Paint/Trim: B

## PROS

- Quiet ride
- Comfortable, well-executed passenger and cargo area
- Excellent reputation

## CONS

- Price
- Rear entry/exist
- Smallish map/storage pockets in '93-'97 versions

## SAFETY

Anti-lock braking: optional  
Airbags (driver/passenger): yes/no  
Traction control: no  
Crash protection: (driver-/passenger) good/good

## ROAD TEST

Access: B  
Driving position: B  
Instruments/Controls: B  
Visibility: B+  
Climate Control: B  
Steering: B-  
Brakes: C+  
Handling: C+

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## New Car Review: 1998 Pontiac Trans Am

# Master of muscle cars

By Gerry Malloy  
Test Drive

What you see is what you get. In the Pontiac Trans Am what you see is pure muscle, straining to escape from its tightly stretched skin. No political correctness here. This is a direct descendant - and not a distant one - of a '60s era muscle car. Big, bold, in your face and proud of it.

As the top-of-the-line Firebird, the Trans Am is just one year short of its thirtieth birthday. During that time, it has remained unwaveringly true to its concept and its heritage. While the '98 Trans Am is unarguably better in every way than the '69 original, it varies not at all in its essence.

That original was, at the time, a relatively small car, with a wheelbase of 2,566 mm (101.1 in.) the current car is even smaller, but by today's standards it is far from small.

While all Firebirds were sporty, and spirited performers, the Trans Am took both characteristics to new levels with exaggerated graphics and styling cues, and engines that achieved outrageous size and power output, particularly in the early '70s.

The '98 model lacks the wide nose-to-tail stripes, and the "screaming chicken" on the



Contributed photo

The 1998 Pontiac Trans Am starts at \$25,975 and offer 0-to-60 mph times in under six seconds.

hood that identified many of its predecessors, but its styling is otherwise every bit as bold.

A new nose for '98, still with hidden headlamps, but with huge circular fog lamps exposed, accentuates the car's low, menacing look. And a bulging hood with faux scoop (functional on the limited availability Ram Air version) is strongly suggestive of the muscle that lies beneath.

Everything bulges on the Trans Am - including the rear deck lid and quarter panels. A less-than-full-width rear spoiler magnifies the effect, evoking images of race cars with steam-roller-wide tires. Flush-fitting taillamps further enhance the swollen, organic

image of a predator.

Trans Am's interior styling is only marginally less exaggerated than that of its exterior. Clearly, it is designed first and foremost for the driver.

Most controls are conveniently located although some, particularly the infamous GM "Smart Stalk," remain anachronistic. With its primary gauges formed of overlapping circles, the instrument cluster is a model of logic and clarity - at least until the lights are turned on. Unfortunately, in typical Pontiac fashion, all the Trans Am's gauge and control lighting is red - overwhelming-ly RED.

A low seating position, combined with low glass height,

make the Trans Am a chore to park in tight spaces. Seat comfort is good, not great, but there is plenty of room for drivers and passengers of up to 95th percentile seated height - at least when the snap-on fabric covers for the solar-glass T-roof inserts are removed.

Rear seat room is a different matter. This is definitely a 'plus-two' configuration, with the 'two' being children or adults small of stature. That said, the seats themselves are contoured buckets that at least look comfortable.

The rear seat-back is more practically folded forward to

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## Backyard Mechanic

# Transmission that slips calls for an overhaul

By Jim Kerr  
Test Drive

**Question:** My 1985 Buick Park Avenue's automatic transmission has a problem: it slips in fourth gear. Other gears all seem to work fine. What could be wrong?

**Answer:** One of two problems could be found in this automatic transmission.

The problem depends on the symptoms displayed when it shifts into fourth gear. If the engine flares or speeds up but the car still moves, then the fourth gear clutch plates (also called overdrive clutch) are slipping.

This could be caused by worn clutch plates but a more likely cause would be a broken seal on the clutch apply piston. A broken seal allows transmission oil to leak internally and full pressure is not applied to the clutch plates. The clutch then slips.

Continuing to drive with slipping fourth gear clutch plates will cause them to burn and be destroyed.

Other gear ranges can work fine and the transmission may operate for many months if the operator doesn't drive the vehicle in fourth gear.

If the car doesn't have any fourth gear drive at all, then I would look at the inner hub for the fourth gear clutch.

This stamped steel hub is splined to the fourth gear clutch plates and the teeth on the clutch plates may have worn through the steel hub. The hub then rotates instead of being clamped to the transmission case as it should in fourth gear.

Both the clutch plates and the hub must be replaced to repair this fault. Continuing to drive the car would cause steel particles to be spread throughout the transmission and wear other parts.

There is no cheap repair for either problem. In both cases, the transmission must be removed, disassembled, and overhauled.

# Bucking car has owner perplexed

**Question:** My 1987 Nissan Maxima hesitates and bucks when I drive down the street. It used to do it only about once a month but now it bucks almost once a week.

It always happens at the same speed; about 30 mph (50km-h), but the car runs fine when I step on the gas. I have had a tune up done, and the mechanic found no trouble codes stored in the car's computer. Do you have any suggestions?

**Answer:** Modern fuel-injection systems are very complex and several faults could cause a hesitation or buck.

Poor spark plugs and plug wires are prime suspects but your tune up should have eliminated these.

I would suspect the throttle position sensor. This sensor signals the computer as to how far and fast the driver is opening the throttle. The sliding contacts inside the sensor can wear and send a false signal causing the computer to think the throttle is being closed. The engine then hesitates as the computer turns off the fuel.

The sensor wears most where the driver usually holds the throttle so this would explain why the problem occurs always at the same speed and why it runs fine when the throttle is opened.

# Glowing signal light grounded in poor connection

**Question:** The left turn signal light in the dash of my 1974 Dodge Duster glows when I am driving with the headlights on. Everything else seems to work OK. Is this problem easy to fix?

**Answer:** This is a fairly simple problem to remedy.

A poor electrical ground for either the front or rear park lights is causing the electricity to flow back through the park/turn signal bulb and into the turn signal indicator. The instrument panel ground then completes the circuit. With electricity flowing through the indicator bulb, it lights up.

Remove the left side park light bulbs and clean the bulb contacts and sockets. This may fix the problem.

If not, follow the black ground wire from the socket to where it bolts to the body. Clean and tighten any connections or repair the wire if it is broken.

Now the lights should be grounding through the correct path and the dash indicator will stop glowing.

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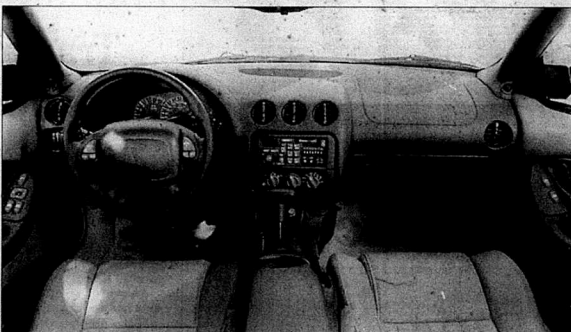
# Pontiac Trans Am: Master of muscle cars

## PONTIAC/From 1

increase cargo space, which is already surprisingly good for a sporty coupe. That roominess is due, in part, to the Trans Am's sheer size, but also to its hatchback configuration, and a deep well, with separate cover, behind the fuel tank. Access is limited, however, by an inconveniently high lift-over.

But these are practical matters, and this is a muscle car. Do they really matter? Probably not, once you nail the accelerator pedal.

True to its tradition, this car goes. Not only does it make good numbers, it gives you a palpable kick in the back that can only result from gobs of torque — in this case, 305 lb-ft at 5,200 rpm. There is no shortage of top-end either — with a peak power rating of



The Trans Am's interior is definitely driver-centred. The instrument panel is laid out well and controls are located in a logical fashion. Pontiac's penchant for red-gauge lighting gets a thumbs down from reviewer Gerry Malloy.



While the 1998 Pontiac Trans Am is of the two plus two seating configuration, rear passengers are most likely to be comfortable if they are not long in the leg department. Seat comfort is good and those seated up front will find plenty of room.

in its operation that takes some muscle to overcome, and the shifter is no exception. No snick-snick, finger-flicking, foreign gearbox this; you shift it with your shoulder, like in the good old days.

In practice, I never shifted the T-A through all six gears in sequence — there was no need. But it was convenient to have just the right gear available for any situation that occurred. And overdrive sixth brought engine speed, and noise, down to a more than acceptable level for expressway cruising.

Acceleration from 0-to-100 km-h (0-to-62 mph) is reported to take under six seconds, with a drag-strip start but, thanks to Mother Nature's intervention, I can't verify that number. It is definitely not that quick on snow and ice!

Traction control is an available option that my test car did not have. It did, however, have four of Goodyear's latest Ultra Grip 5 premium winter tires.

While the Trans Am might not be my first choice for winter transport, they demonstrated that when so-equipped, it can be driven daily in some

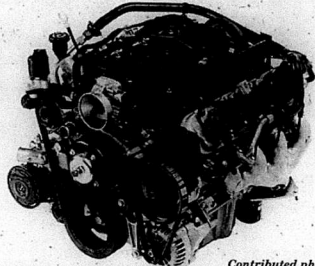
ping ability, even on the slick stuff.

While the chassis specs may seem primitive — independent front suspension and rear-wheel-drive with a live rear axle, on a structure with less than state-of-the-science stiffness — the resultant vehicle dynamics are better than might be expected.

Understeer is strong, but can be offset almost any time with the engine's abundant torque, and power-on oversteer is there on command. Ride quality is understandably on the harsh side, although less so than in some past models, and there is noticeable cowl shake, on the really rough stuff.

In spite of its aging design and obvious limitations, in the context of what it is intended to be, the Trans Am is still right on target. It is unmitigated fun to drive when you want it to be, and an acceptable compromise in most respects the rest of the time.

At a base price of \$25,975 it offers as much performance-per-dollar as you are likely to find anywhere. And, it comes with an absolute guarantee that you will be noticed.



The Trans Am is also available in ragtop form, above. Styling updates for 1998 include a new nose — still with hidden headlamps — but with huge circular fog lamps.

thoroughly nasty conditions — with a healthy application of caution. Four-wheel-disc brakes with ABS ensure adequate, if not world-class, stop-

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## Leader of the pack

### TOYOTA/From 1

much better than the version which preceded it. Aside from being bigger, it was a remarkably refined car. In fact, the interior space in the '93 Corolla is about equal to an older Toyota Camry. Not really a small car, then.

The '93 Corolla arrived with an impressively rigid body structure that muffled noisy vibrations. But truly wonderful were the Lexus-like steel panels, sandwiched with asphalt in the dash, rear housing and the floor panels. Noise? What noise?

Perhaps most striking of all, though, was the overall attention to detail. (I mean, 1993 was five years ago; an eternity in the car business.)

Anyway, the door locks and controls such as turning signals operated with a solid feel and a satisfying click. Colors and tones blended seamlessly and the carpeting and upholstery fabrics felt rich and proved durable.

Corollas have won all sorts of awards over the years. They are the standard by which small cars are measured. The '93-'97 cars, though, were special. Find one with low mileage, and you've hit the jackpot.

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### COROLLA/From 1

Acceleration: C+  
Engine: B+  
Transmission: B  
Interior space: B  
Trunk/Cargo: B  
Noise/Vibration/Harshness: B+

### INSURANCE HISTORY

Claim cost rating: better than average  
Comprehensive cost rating: better than average  
Collision cost rating: average

### CHECK THE SPECS

1993 Toyota Corolla five-door wagon  
Market segment: compact station wagon.  
Market competition: Chevrolet Cavalier wagon, Ford Escort/Mercury Tracer wagon, Dodge Colt/Eagle Summit wagon, Nissan Axxess, Saturn wagon (due to arrive soon), Subaru Loyale wagon.  
Engine: 1.8-liter four cylinder with dual overhead cams and 16 valves; 115 hp at 5,600 rpm; 115 lb-ft torque at 2,800 rpm.  
Transmission: four-speed overdrive automatic.  
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Tires: Michelin P185/65R14.

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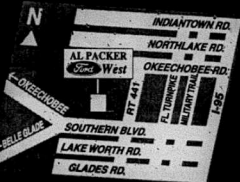
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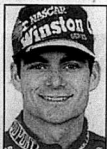
## FROM LAST WEEK

## WINSTON CUP SERIES

Jeff Gordon won from the pole in the Bud at the Glen, his third straight victory. Mark Martin was second for the fourth straight week, followed by Mike Skinner, whose gas-mileage gamble almost paid off with a victory.

## CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS

Terry Cook raced from fourth to first in the Stevens Bell/Genuine Car Parts 200 at Flemington (N.J.) Speedway. Cook raced hard with Stacy Compton midrace,



J. Gordon

Points leader Jack Sprague crashed on lap nine and finished 29th. Hornaday and Joe Ruttman passed him in the points chase.

## TOP TEN

- Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.
1. Jeff Gordon (1)
  2. Mark Martin (2)
  3. Dale Jarrett (3)
  4. Bobby Labonte (4)
  5. Rusty Wallace (5)
  6. Dale Earnhardt (6)
  7. Jeremy Mayfield (7)
  8. Jeff Burton (8)
  9. Terry Labonte (9)
  10. Mike Skinner (10)
- Starting to stall  
Too fast too soon  
Another rough day  
Bad luck on the road  
Thriving with McReynolds

## ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	1997 Winner	Pole
Aug. 16	DeWitts 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	• Martin	• Benson
Aug. 22	Goody's 500, Bristol, Tenn.	• Jarrett	• K. Wallace
Aug. 30	CMT 300, Loudon, N.H.	• J. Gordon	• Schrader
Sept. 6	Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.	• J. Gordon	• B. Labonte
Sept. 12	Saddle 400, Richmond, Va.	• Elliott	• Martin
Sept. 20	MBNA 400, Dover, Del.	• Martin	• Martin
Sept. 27	Hanes 500, Martinsville, Va.	• J. Burton	• W. Burton
Oct. 4	UAW-GM 500, Concord, N.C.	• Jarrett	• G. Bodine

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## THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

## THE WINSTON CUP SERIES

COMING UP: Pepsi 400

WHERE: Michigan Speedway, Brooklyn, Mich.

WHEN: Sunday, Aug. 16, 12:30 p.m.

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Mark Martin

EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD: Jeff Burton, Ford, 185.395 mph, Aug. 16, 1996

RACE RECORD: Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 157.737 mph, Aug. 20, 1995

OTHER FORMER WINNERS: David Pearson won five times, followed by Martin, Richard Petty and Bill Elliott with three each.

NOTABLE: Elliott is the active driver with the most Michigan poles (six) and wins (seven). ... In the first Michigan race of 1998, Ward Burton won the pole and Martin won the race.

## BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL SERIES

COMING UP: Pepsi 200

## ALMOST HOME COOKING

Brooklyn is in the midst of the Irish Hills, a middle-class resort area that makes up in friendliness what it lacks in poshness. One of the best Brooklyn dining experiences is at the grill of the Clarks Lake Golf Course, west of Brooklyn on the lake of the same name.

WHERE: Michigan Speedway; Brooklyn, Mich.

WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 15

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Steve Park

EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD: Hermie Sadler, Chevrolet, 175.511 mph, Aug. 16, 1997

RACE RECORD: Mark Martin, Ford,

169.571 mph, Aug. 19, 1995

OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Martin has won twice, followed by Park, Jeff Purvis, Bobby Labonte and Todd Bodine with one each.

## CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

COMING UP: Federated Auto Parts 250

WHERE: Nashville, Tenn.

WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 15

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Jack Sprague

EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD: Mike Bliss, Ford, 110.495 mph, Aug. 16, 1997

RACE RECORD: Jack Sprague, 79.226 mph, Aug. 16, 1997

OTHER FORMER WINNERS: Sprague and Dave Rezendes have won the two races and the two poles.

NOTABLE: Rezendes, Sprague and Ron Hornaday have finished in the top five in both races.

## PROFILE

## Geoff Bodine



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Geoff Bodine, right, reflects on nearing his 500th career start.

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Geoff Bodine, named one of NASCAR's 50 greatest drivers earlier this year, is struggling to get back into victory lane.

Bodine, who has won Winston Cup races driving for team owners Rick Hendrick, Junior Johnson and Bud Moore, also has four victories as a driver/car owner. His most recent victory occurred in 1996 at Watkins Glen, his home track.

In 1981, Bodine, always an innovator, introduced the modern-day use of power steering to the Winston Cup Series at Martinsville. He also was the founder of USA Bobsled Project, which developed the "Bo-Dyn" that is now used by the American Olympic team.

**HOMETOWN(S):** Born in Elmira, N.Y., raised in Chemung, N.Y., now resides in Julian, N.C.

**AGE:** 49**MARITAL:** Divorced**CHILDREN:** Matthew (26), Barry (20).

**CAR:** No. 7 Phillips Ford Taurus, owned by Jim Mattie.

**CAREER RECORD:** 491 starts, 183 top 10s, nearly \$13 million in career earnings.

**WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO BE CLOSING IN ON YOUR 500TH CAREER START?** "I feel happy to have made it this far. It's been a wild ride getting to this point.

"If I hadn't been in the hospital several times, I might have been able to reach 500 at Watkins Glen, which would have been nice. I remember my first car in the Cup was a yellow and white No. 47, owned by Jack Beebe, and I drove three

times for Jack in 1979. I've enjoyed every minute I've been in a race car since then, not to mention the Modified days back near home.

"Winston Cup racing has been my life for a long time, and that is what I wanted when I moved south in the late 1970s. As busy as we are nowadays, you don't have many opportunities to reflect on your accomplishments. I'm really going to savor the next several races."

**WHAT WAS YOUR WORST ACCIDENT?** "I think it was right here (Watkins Glen) before they had the inner loop. The brake rotor blew up. Normally you'd go into the turn at about 140 mph, and I was doing 170 or so, so I thought there might be trouble. I knew I was going to hit a tree, but I thought the tree was all I was gonna hit. That was a close shave, a crash that I was lucky to survive."

## TRIVIA

1. Who is the fourth-generation driver who recently won an ASA race?
2. What driver gave veteran car-owner Junie Donlavey his only Winston Cup victory?

2. Jody Rugg  
1. Adam Petty  
ANSWERS

## AROUND THE GARAGE

## Charley Pressley named crew chief at Morgan-McClure

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. — It took less than a week for Charley Pressley to resurface.

Pressley, who resigned at Larry Hendrick Racing and was replaced by Tim Brewer, is the new crew chief at Morgan-McClure. Team owner Larry McClure said Pressley is already on the job preparing Bobby Hamilton's Chevrolet for the Bud at the Glen.

The son of short-track legend Bob Pressley and brother of Winston Cup driver Robert Pressley, Charley Pressley has been a crew

chief for five seasons. He is a native of Asheville, N.C., but will soon move to Abingdon, Va., where McClure's team is situated.

**BIG TWO, LITTLE THREE:** While Mark Martin and Jeff Burton have continued to run-up front in most every race, the summer has seen an accompanying decline in the performances of Jack Roush's other three Winston Cup teams.

Ted Musgrave, soon to be replaced by Kevin Lepage, hasn't finished higher than 15th since the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte on May 24. Chad Little's best finish since then was a 13th at

Richmond. And Johnny Benson, who seemed to be on the verge of becoming a force this spring, has had the biggest run of all. He was ninth in the Coca-Cola 600 and hasn't finished higher than 18th since.

**NO WALLY:** Despite two second-place finishes here, Wally Dallenbach Jr. did not have a ride for the Bud at the Glen.

Dallenbach recently completed a two-race stint with the No. 13 Ford co-owned by Bill Elliott and Dan Marino. Tom Hubert, also known for his road-racing prowess, drove that car here. Boris Said subbed for injured

## CREW OF THE WEEK

■ It's time for more kudos to Larry McReynolds and his Lowe's crew, which brought Mike Skinner home third and formulated a fuel strategy that very nearly won the Bud at the Glen. McReynolds has experienced considerable success since joining the Skinner team.

SportsCom Inc. offers fans the opportunity to monitor driver conversations from the comfort of home with FanScan. Transmissions are piped on delay to fans watching the race at home over their computer or by phone. Phone calls placed to 888-343-7226 cost \$1.49 per minute.

## ON THE MARKET

Jimmy Spencer in Travis Carter's No. 23 Ford, and Ron Fellows drove Buz McCall's No. 96 Chevrolet instead of Hut Stricklin. Said relinquished the former car to Spencer for the first few laps on Sunday, then enabling Spencer to maintain his 11th-place position in the point standings.

Ted Christopher also took over in the Junie Donlavey Ford for Dick Trickle at the first caution flag of Sunday's race.

**THE BETTER PART OF VALOR:** Two car owners, Ricky Rudd and Chuck Rider, have abandoned plans to field second teams in 1999.

## YOUR TURN

Letters From Our Readers

**Dear NASCAR This Week,**  
I am a 16-year old female and a big Ernie Ivan supporter. I was wondering: How do they determine who goes first when they qualify for a race? Is it by the points or by who finishes where at the end of the last race? I would really like to know.

Elizabeth Gmytruk  
Wewahatcha, Fla.

**Dear Elizabeth,**  
Qualifying order is determined by a random drawing at each race.

**Dear NASCAR This Week,**  
I'm a big fan of both Busch and Winston Cup racing. But I have a question. I've learned that a lapped car that is in the way of the leaders can be flagged to move over. Well, this did not happen during the South Boston Busch Series race, July 25. For 10 to 15 laps, Joe [Bessey] stayed in front of Dale Earnhardt Jr., not giving way for him. Why didn't the officials flag Joe [Bessey] to move?

Russ Bryant  
Bolivar, Tenn.

**Dear Russ,**  
If a driver could still get back in contention by maintaining a position ahead of the leader, he is generally not given the "move over" flag (blue with a lateral yellow stripe). Like many NASCAR policies, it is a judgment call by officials, but the flag is generally used to alert drivers who are more than a lap down.

If you've got a question or a comment, write:  
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### GLADSTONE DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

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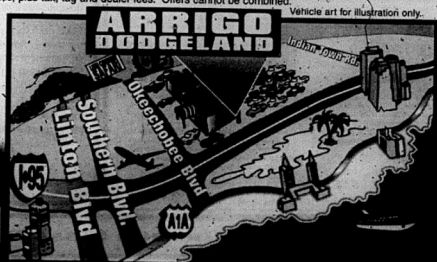
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